

Broadway Park Neighborhood

Street Reconstruction

2011 – Phase 11 Broadway Park Street Reconstruction
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IT'S CRITICAL TO START WATERING YOUR NEW SOD IMMEDIATELY!!

Sod Maintenance

Crystal, New Hope, SEH, and the Contractor jointly inspected the sod that was placed last year, and in nearly all cases the sod was found to be in good condition.

Due to the dry fall, winter and spring, the sod **needs** your attention so its roots can grow deep and become mature established turf. You **must** continue to water your sod again this year, a minimum of 1 ½ inches per week (use a cake pan to measure).

The Contractor's obligation to maintain the sod has now ended. **The replacement of any sod that dies is now the responsibility of the property owner.**

Please do not fertilize your new sod this spring! The Contractor will fertilize your sod this spring. Remember. **You must continue to water and care for your new sod after this year!** New sod requires

up to three years to become mature, established turf.

Overall Schedule

Between April 23rd and mid June, the following street reconstruction activities will be completed, including:

- Adjusting manhole lids in the streets to match the final street paving elevations.
- Repair of damaged curb or sidewalk.
- Placement of concrete valley gutters in select intersections.
- Installation of boulevard trees to replace those that were removed to make way for reconstruction activities.
- Construct & plant rain gardens (see Rain Garden section)
- Repair sections of blacktop street pavement that might have broken or blown out during the winter.
- Administer private driveway warranty work.

Final Paving

By the middle of June, there will be a final cleanup of the project area and the new streets will receive a final layer of blacktop. Finally, the pavement will be sawed and sealed and crosswalk pavement markings will be placed at select locations.

A more accurate update on the date of the final layer of blacktop will be available for viewing when it is available on Crystal's website at:

http://www.ci.crystal.mn.us/city_departments/phase_11_street_reconstruction_project.html

Rain Gardens

For residents that have volunteered to have and maintain a rain garden in front of your home, the contractor will excavate and backfill engineered planting soil in the rain gardens. Once the planting soil is in-place, a layer of shredded hardwood mulch will be installed, finishing the planting preparation.

If you selected "Yes" from the questionnaire/agreement that you will plant your own rain garden, the contractor will supply the plants that you have selected.

Important Reminders

Emergencies: If you have an **emergency situation** regarding the street reconstruction project after working hours, please call Palda and Sons respondent at 651.403.9809. If necessary, you may call 911.

Safety First: To date, we've had no major accidents within the project. Please continue to drive carefully and remind your children to stay clear of construction activities.

Care of Driveways: Please read the suggestions for care of your new driveway on the back side of the estimate form.

If you selected "No" from the questionnaire/agreement that you will plant your own rain garden the contractor will supply and install the plants that you have selected.

Please recall that the City will assist with yearly maintenance for weeding, mulching, and plant replacement for a period of two years after the initial installation/planting. After two years, it will be entirely up to you to maintain the rain garden! Please also remember that it is your responsibility to water the rain garden plantings, beginning immediately after their installation.

Remember. **You must water and care for your new rain garden plantings immediately after planting!**

Resident Input

If you had your sanitary sewer service repaired last year, we **must know immediately** if you have any concerns about the repair. We must resolve these occurrences with the Contractor before placing the final layer of blacktop in order to achieve

the best reconstruction results. Please call Dave Fritzke of the City of Crystal at 763.531.1163 or dave.fritzke@crystalmn.gov. After hours, you can put project related written correspondence in the utility payment mailbox located near the front door outside Crystal City Hall or the community center.

Special Assessment Balance - Crystal Residents

If in 2011 you let your assessment go onto your property taxes, you can continue to let it be billed on your taxes over the remaining 14 years. If in any year you decide to pay off the balance, you must do so prior to November 15 to avoid paying interest charges for the entire following year. Contact Gail at 763.531.1118 with questions.

Thanks

We are sincerely interested in hearing what you think about how the street reconstruction process went for you. We need to know the good things along with things that fell short of your expectations. We

will use this feedback to help us keep doing the positive things and improve where we fell short on future projects. Please drop us a line or give us a call.

Finally!

From all of us at the Cities of Crystal and New Hope, SEH, and Palda and Son's to the residents of the Broadway Park Street Reconstruction Area, you have our deep appreciation for the patience, tolerance, and understanding you have shown throughout this entire reconstruction process. It has been our pleasure serving you!

Contacts

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